

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is also illegal.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for profits and less of what we need for democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's important that we see real people from our own communities and substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, rather than weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.